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Astronomische Nachrichten (volumes 87 to 141). In volumes VII and IX of the *Publications of the Kiel Observatory*, he has published extensive investigations of the orbits of the Brorsen Comet and Comet 1891 I. Besides the comet work, Professor LAMP did considerable with the meridian-circle and considerable of a geodetic nature.

ADOLF CHRISTIAN WILHELM SCHUR, Director of the Royal Observatory, Göttingen, died July 1st of this year. He was born April 15, 1846, at Altona, and early became interested in astronomy through a near relative, A. C. PETERSON, then Director of the Observatory at Altona. SCHUR studied at the Universities of Kiel and Göttingen, taking his degree at the latter place in 1868. He then went to Berlin and, after working for a time under AUWERS and FOERSTER, became an assistant in the Geodetic Institute, where he remained until 1873, when he was called to a position at the Strassburg Observatory. Here he remained until 1886, when he was called to Göttingen to succeed KLINKERFUES in the chair of Practical Astronomy.

While at Strassburg SCHUR was engaged in various investigations with the instruments of the observatory, chiefly with the Fraunhofer heliometer, which was used in the Transit of *Venus* expedition of 1874, of which SCHUR was a member. One of the chief investigations with this instrument was a series of measures on the system of *Jupiter*, which led to an exact determination of the mass of *Jupiter*.

At Göttingen also, SCHUR'S work was chiefly with the heliometer, measurements of the *Præsepe* and of the clusters *h* and χ *Persei* absorbing a large part of his time.